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1. STATE DEPARTMENT, NSF AND UNIVERSITY CORPORATION FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH HAVE REVIEWED DRAFT GALAXY AGREEMENT. TEXT BELOW HAS NUMBER OF MINOR REVISIONS, E.G., SUBSTITUTION OF UCAR AND NCAR AND PARA 4B.

2. WE ASSUME EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN FONOFF AND EMBASSY NOT INTENDED (A-277), SINCE THIS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CIRCULAR 175 PROCEDURES. SUFFICIENT FOR EMBASSY TO OBTAIN GOA APPROVAL. AGREEMENT CONCLUDED AT UCAR AND CNIE LEVEL CAN BE CONSIDERED TO FALL WITHIN ARTICLE I (2) OF US ARGENTINE S&T AGREEMENT.

3. NCAR WILL GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH CNIE RE TEAM VISIT TO ARGENTINA WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL ALSO INFORM SCIATT.

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AGREEMENT - GALAXIE 74

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SPACE RESEARCH OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THE UNIVERSITY CORPORATION FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE LAUNCHING OF HIGH ALTITUDE SCIENTIFIC BALLOONS.

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SPACE RESEARCH (CNIE - COMISION NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIONES ESPACIALES) AND THE UNIVERSITY CORPORATION FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH (UCAR) OF THE UNITED STATES, HAVE EVALUATED THE RESULTS OF THE OPERATIONS OF LAUNCHING OF SCIENTIFIC BALLOONS ON ARGENTINE TERRITORY DURING THE YEARS 1969, 1970, AND 1971, WITH THE NAME OF GALAXIA PROJECT, AND IN VIEW OF THE SCIENTIFIC SUCCESS ACCOMPLISHED, HAVE DECIDED TO RENEW THIS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN 1973, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, OF APRIL 7, 1972.

1. GENERAL DEFINITION:

(A) THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE THE LAUNCHING, TRACKING AND RECOVERY OF TEN HIGH ALTITUDE RESEARCH BALLOONS DESIGNED BY INVESTIGATORS OF SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS SPONSORED BY THE UCAR.

(B) THE PROGRAM ALSO WILL INCLUDE THE LAUNCHING, TRACKING AND RECOVERY OF TWO ADDITIONAL BALLOONS WHICH WILL BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF ARGENTINE INVESTIGATORS, TO CARRY PAYLOADS DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THEM.

2. TENTATIVE DATE AND SITE OF THE OPERATION:

(A) THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE COUNTRY OF NECESSARY MATERIALS AND THEIR TRANSPORTATION TO THE AREA OF THE EXPERIMENT WILL TAKE PLACE BEGINNING IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

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(B) THE INITIATION OF THE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER AND ITS END FOR THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER. THESE DATES DEPEND ON THE METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS.

(C) THE SITE WILL BE THE BASE OF THE 2ND AIR BRIGADE, PARANA, PROVINCE OF ENTRE RIOS, ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

, OR ANOTHER LOCATION MUTUALLY AGREED UPON.

3. SECURITY:

THE FLIGHTS WILL TAKE PLACE WITH THE PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF THE CORRESPONDING ARGENTINE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITY, TO GUARANTEE AIR SECURITY DURING THE ASCENT AND DESCENT OF THE BALLOONS.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES:

(A) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CNIE WILL BE:

- TO ARRANGE WITH THE 2ND AIR BRIGADE THE CARRYING OUT OF THE OPERATION AT ITS HEAD-QUARTERS.
- TO ARRANGE FLIGHT APPROVALS FOR THE LAUNCHINGS.
- TO COLLABORATE BY PROVIDING TRAINED PERSONNEL.
- TO COLLABORATE IN THE ARRANGEMENT OF IMPORT , TRANSPORTATION, /ND REEXPORT OF THE OPERATION'S MATERIAL.
- TO PROVIDE VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF GAS TUBES.
- TO PROVIDE THE LAUNCHING TRUCK.

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- TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE NECESSARY FREQUENCIES FOR THE OPERATION.

(B) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UCAR WILL BE:

- TO SUPPLY AT ITS EXPENSE, ALL ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE LAUNCHINGS. UCAR'S MAXIMUM INSURANCE LIABILITY IS \$10 MILLION PER FLIGHT.

5. GALAXIA 74 OPERATION

THE CNIE AND THE UCAR AGREE, GIVEN THE BUDGET PROBLEMS DUE TO DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE FISCAL YEARS, TO PREPARE A

TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 1974, TO BE
ABLE TO MAKE THE CORRESPONDING PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS. ROGERS

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